Information about the subject

Degree: Bachelor of Science Degree in Speech and Language Therapy

Faculty: Faculty of Psychology

Code: 1170301 **Name:** Alternative Communication

Credits: 6,00 **ECTS Year:** 3 **Semester:** 2

Module: Impairments, disorders and speech and language intervention

Subject Matter: Alternative Communication **Type:** Compulsory

Field of knowledge: Speech and Language Therapy

Department: Speech Therapy

Type of learning: Classroom-based learning

Languages in which it is taught: Spanish

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Module organization

Impairments, disorders and speech and language intervention

Subject Matter	ECTS	Subject	ECTS	Year/semester
Language pathology	18,00	Language Pathologies I	6,00	1/1
		Language Pathologies II	6,00	1/2
		Learning difficulties	6,00	2/2
Deficit in the basic tools for the reception and production of languange	24,00	Speech and language intervention in diglossias and dysarthrias	6,00	3/1
		Speech and language intervention in hearing deficiencies	6,00	3/2
		Speech and language intervention in voice disorders	6,00	3/1
		Speech and language therapy in speech disorders and nonverbal oral functions	6,00	3/1
Neuro-psycho-linguistic disorders	18,00	Speech and language intervention in aphasia and related disorders	6,00	3/2
		Speech and language intervention in autism spectrum disorders and in mental deficiency	6,00	3/2

Neuro-psycho-linguistic disorders		Speech and language intervention in specific disorders of language development	6,00	2/2
Fluency Disorders	6,00	Speech and language intervention in dysphemia and other disorders with psychosocial implications	6,00	3/1
Alternative Communication	6,00	Alternative Communication	6,00	3/2

Learning outcomes

At the end of the course, the student must be able to prove that he/she has acquired the following learning outcomes:

R1   To know, explain and know how to select the most appropriate alternative communication system according to the needs and communication possibilities of the user.

R2   To know and be initiated in the handling of the technical aids (AATT) most used in alternative communication (CA).

R3   To know and use communication systems with and without help.

R4   To design and produce dynamic communication dashboards emulated with free distribution software.

R5   To know and know how to apply the teaching and learning techniques of alternative communication systems.

Competencies

Depending on the learning outcomes, the competencies to which the subject contributes are (please score from 1 to 4, being 4 the highest score):

SPECIFIC		Weighting			
		1	2	3	4
CE8	To evaluate language alterations in specific language developmental disorders: specific developmental language disorders, specific language disorders, language delays, phonetic and phonological disorders; communication and language disorders associated with auditory and visual deficits, attention deficit, mental impairment, pervasive developmental disorder, autism spectrum disorders, infantile cerebral palsy and multiple impairments; specific written language disorders; dyscalculias; alterations in language development due to social deprivation and those associated with multicultural and multilingual contexts; disorders of speech fluency; aphasia and associated disorders; dysarthria; dysphonia; dysglosia; alterations of language in ageing and degenerative disorders; alterations of language and communication in mental illnesses; mutism and language inhibitions; alterations of non-verbal oral functions: atypical swallowing, dysphagia and tubal alterations.					x
CE10	To carry out an evaluation after the intervention.			x	
CE13	Knowing the general principles of speech therapy intervention			x	
CE14	Understand the functions of speech therapy intervention: prevention, education, retraining, rehabilitation and treatment		x		
CE15	Know and apply models and intervention techniques				x
CE19	Understand and implement Augmentative Communication Systems				x
CE20	Understand and implement technical aids to communication			x	
CE22	Know how to design, develop and evaluate the performance of speech therapy				x
CE27	Perform strategic planning for speech therapy intervention		x		

		1	2	3	4
CE32	Using information technology and communication			x	
CE38	To design and carry out speech therapy treatments, both individual and collective, establishing objectives and stages, with the most effective and appropriate methods, techniques and resources, and taking into account the different evolutionary stages of the human being.		x		
CE39	Select, implement and facilitate the learning of augmentative communication systems and the design and use of prostheses and the technical aids necessary adapted to the physical, psychological and social needs of patients				x
CE40	Advise families and the social context of patients, encouraging their participation and collaboration in speech therapy treatment		x		
CE43	Knowing the limits of competencies and knowing when interdisciplinary treatment is necessary			x	
CE44	Explain and support the selected treatment				x
CE54	Manage communication technologies and information			x	

TRANSVERSAL		Weighting			
		1	2	3	4
CT1	Use the techniques of verbal and nonverbal communication in order to optimize relevant communicative situations			x	
CT2	Critically evaluate own job performance and that of other professionals to improve results		x		
CT3	Have the flexibility to work within teams integrated by other professionals belonging to the same field			x	
CT5	Recognize, analyze and obtain solutions to ethical problems in professional practice situations				x
CT6	Adapt to new situations arising in their profession			x	
CT7	Having an open and flexible attitude to lifelong learning			x	
CT8	Know and use of technical advances in the exercise of their profession				x

Assessment system for the acquisition of competencies and grading system

Assessed learning outcomes	Granted percentage	Assessment method
R1, R2, R3, R5	50,00%	Written exam
R3, R4	40,00%	Practical work assignments assessment
R1, R2, R3, R4, R5	10,00%	Attendance and participation of in-person formative activities

Observations

Minimum Attendance Percentage
To pass the course through the regular assessment system, students must attend at least 40% of the face-to-face sessions.
Assessment
There are two types of assessment: **regular assessment** and **single (alternative) assessment**.
a) Regular assessment
To pass the course through the regular assessment system, students must attend at least 40% of the face-to-face sessions.
Elements of assessment:• Exam (50%): Assessment of theoretical content through a written exam including multiple-choice questions and open-ended questions.• **Practical work assessment (40%)**: Reports, assignments, practical tests, data analysis or other results derived from the practical activities carried out.• **Attendance, active participation and engagement in face-to-face training activities (10%)**
To pass the course, students must pass each assessment component **independently**.
b) Single (alternative) assessment
The single assessment is an exceptional modality intended for students who, due to duly accredited and justified reasons, cannot meet the minimum attendance requirement. This option must be requested in writing by the student to the course coordinator and will be answered in the same manner.
Elements of the single assessment:• Theoretical exam (50%): Assessment of theoretical content through an individual written exam including multiple-choice and open-ended questions.• **Individual practical assignment (50%)**: Reports, assignments, practical tests, data analysis or other results obtained from additional tasks specifically designed to reasonably replace the face-to-face training activities, in order to demonstrate achievement of all the learning outcomes defined for the course.

Both elements must be passed **separately** in order to pass the course under this modality.

Citation and Acknowledgement Criteria

·Any use of AI tools must be explicitly declared in the submitted document (for example, in a footnote or an appendix).

·The name of the tool, its purpose (e.g. grammar check, idea organisation, drafting examples) and the part of the work where it was used must be specified.

·Responsible use of AI will be evaluated as part of the criteria for originality and academic integrity.

Criteria for Awarding Distinction (Matrícula de Honor)

The Distinction grade (Matrícula de Honor) will be awarded to students who achieve a final mark equal to or higher than 9.5, demonstrating excellence across all assessment elements, up to the maximum limit allowed by regulations (one for every 20 students or fraction thereof, and one single Distinction in the case of groups with fewer than 20 students).

In accordance with the regulations governing the assessment and grading of subjects in force at UCV, the distinction of "Matrícula de Honor" (Honours with Distinction) may be awarded to students who have achieved a grade of 9.0 or higher. The number of "Matrículas de Honor" (Honours with Distinction) may not exceed five percent of the students enrolled in the group for the corresponding academic year, unless the number of enrolled students is fewer than 20, in which case a single "Matrícula de Honor" (Honours with Distinction) may be awarded.

Exceptionally, these distinctions may be assigned globally across different groups of the same subject. Nevertheless, the total number of distinctions awarded will be the same as if they were assigned by group, but they may be distributed among all students based on a common criterion, regardless of the group to which they belong. The criteria for awarding "Matrícula de Honor" (Honours with Distinction) will be determined according to the guidelines stipulated by the professor responsible for the course, as detailed in the "Observations" section of the evaluation system in the course guide.

Learning activities

The following methodologies will be used so that the students can achieve the learning outcomes of the subject:

M1   On-Campus Class

M2   Practical Class

M3   Seminar

M4	Laboratory
M5	Individual Work
M6	Group Work
M7	Work Exhibition
M8	Clinical Case Analysis
M9	Prácticas en clínicas y centros

Course guide

IN-CLASS LEARNING ACTIVITIES

	LEARNING OUTCOMES	HOURS	ECTS
ON-CAMPUS CLASS. Teacher presentation of contents, analysis of competences, explanation and in-class display of skills, abilities and knowledge M1	R1, R2, R3, R4, R5	24,00	0,96
PRACTICAL CLASSES. Group work sessions supervised by the professor. Case studies, diagnostic tests, problems, field work, computer room, visits, data search, libraries, on-line, Internet, etc. Meaningful construction of knowledge through interaction and student activity M1, M2	R2, R4	12,00	0,48
GROUP WORK EXHIBITION. Application of multidisciplinary knowledge M7	R1, R2, R3	6,00	0,24
SEMINAR. Supervised monographic sessions with shared participation M3	R2, R3, R5	6,00	0,24
OFFICE ASSISTANCE. Personalized and small group attention. Period of instruction and/or orientation carried out by a tutor to review and discuss materials and topics presented in classes, seminars, papers, etc. M1	R1, R2, R3, R4	9,00	0,36
ASSESSMENT. Set of oral and/or written tests used in initial, formative or additive assessment of the student M1	R1, R2, R3, R4, R5	3,00	0,12
TOTAL		**60,00**	**2,40**

LEARNING ACTIVITIES OF AUTONOMOUS WORK

	LEARNING OUTCOMES	HOURS	ECTS
GROUP WORK. Group preparation of readings, essays, problem solving, seminars, papers, reports, etc. to be presented or submitted in theoretical lectures, practical and/or small-group tutoring sessions. Work done on the university e-learning platform M2, M3, M6, M8	R1, R2, R3, R5	36,00	1,44
INDEPENDENT WORK. Student study: Individual preparation of readings, essays, problem solving, seminars, papers, reports, etc. to be presented or submitted in theoretical lectures, practical and/or small-group tutoring sessions. Work done on the university e-learning platform M5	R3, R4, R5	54,00	2,16
TOTAL		**90,00**	**3,60**

Description of the contents

Description of the necessary contents to acquire the learning outcomes.

Theoretical contents:

Content block	Contents
Introduction to Augmentative and Alternative Communication Systems (AAC)	Classes of signs. Definition and basic concepts. SAAC classification. Users or possible users of SAAC: first approach. Implementation of SAACs: socio-historical perspective. Advantages and disadvantages of using SAAC
Aided AACS	Introduction, definition and classifications. Systems based on highly representative elements, in line drawings, systems that combine pictographic, ideographic and linear symbols, based on traditional spelling, coded word systems
Support Products for AAC	Concept, characteristics, classification, institution and intervention team
Unaided AACS	Introduction, definition and classification. The sign language of non-listeners: the LSE. Pedagogical sign systems.
Assessment and Decisions	Phases and instruments
Teaching and learning strategies	Initial strategies. Vocabulary expansion and generalization

Temporary organization of learning:

Block of content	Number of sessions	Hours
Introduction to Augmentative and Alternative Communication Systems (AAC)	4,00	8,00
Aided AACS	7,00	14,00
Support Products for AAC	6,00	12,00
Unaided AACS	7,00	14,00
Assessment and Decisions	3,00	6,00
Teaching and learning strategies	3,00	6,00

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